

Asterix IN BELGIUM

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presentation

IT IS A FINE, SUNNY DAY, AND LIFE IS AS CALM AND TRANQUIL AS EVER IN THE PEACE-LOVING LITTLE GAULISH VILLAGE...

AND YOU KNOW WHAT MY FISH HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THAT?

YES, I DO, AND I WISH THEY'D KEEP THEIR MOUTHS SHUT! THEIR BEST FRIENDS OUGHT TO TELL THEM...

GERIATRIK, SWEETIEPIE, COME HOME AT ONCE! YOU'LL CATCH YOUR DEATH OF COLD!

HEY! YOU FORGOT TO UNTIE ME AFTER THE LAST BANQUET!

WHEN I TOLD THEM TO DROP EVERYTHING, I DIDN'T MEAN YOU TOO!

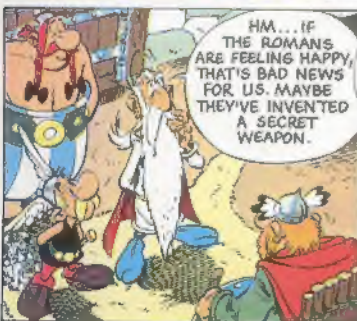
O CHIEF VITALSTATISTIX...

...THERE ARE SOME ROMAN TROOPS ON THE MOVE!

THAT'S RIGHT! LOTS AND LOTS OF LOVELY BRAND NEW ROMANS ARRIVING IN THESE PARTS!

HM... THAT'S GOOD NEWS, REALLY. THE PEOPLE OF OUR VILLAGE ARE GETTING BORED... A LITTLE EXERCISE WILL DO THEM GOOD.

LET'S GO AND SEE WHAT THESE ROMANS ARE UP TO!



THE FORTIFIED
ROMAN CAMP OF
LAUDANUM...

WE'RE
GOING TO HANG OUT
ON THE
WASHING ON THE
ARMORICAN LINE...

HEY, LADS, KNOW
WHAT THIS IS?

NO.

WELL, IT'S A
LEGIONARY SQUASHING
A FLY AGAINST
A WALL.

AND YOU
KNOW WHAT
THIS IS?

YOU JUST
TOLD US: IT'S A
LEGIONARY...

NO, NO, IT'S
A BELGIAN KNOCKING
A NAIL INTO A STONE
WALL! TEE HEE!

OH,
SHUT UP
ABOUT THE
BELGIANS!

WE'VE
HEARD QUITE
ENOUGH BELGIAN
JOKES.

JUST ONE MORE:
YOU KNOW HOW A
BELGIAN GETS A BIT
OF GRIT OUT OF A
ROMAN'S EYE?

OH,
SO THEY DID
KNOW THAT
ONE.

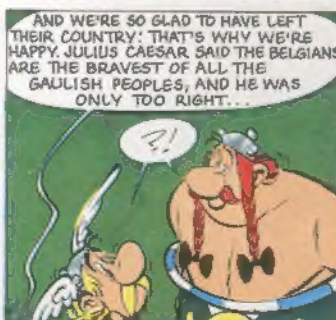
I'M OFF FOR A LITTLE
STROLL IN THE FOREST ON
MY OWN. AVE, MATES.

AVE! MIND YOU DON'T
GET INTO ANY TROUBLE
OUT THERE!

HAHAHAHAHA!

THIS IS
INCREDIBLE!

YOU'RE
RIGHT. I THINK
THOSE ROMANS
HAVE FINALLY
GONE CRAZY!



A REST CURE?



THEY'RE SENDING ROMANS HERE FOR A REST CURE?



AND THE LEGIONARY TOLD US THAT AFTER THE BELGIANS, EVEN OBELIX THUMPING HIM WAS LOVELY.

AND THEY KEEP TELLING FUNNY STORIES ABOUT BELGIANS. THERE WAS ONE ABOUT KNOCKING NAILS INTO WALLS WITH THEIR HANDS, THE WAY I ALWAYS DO!



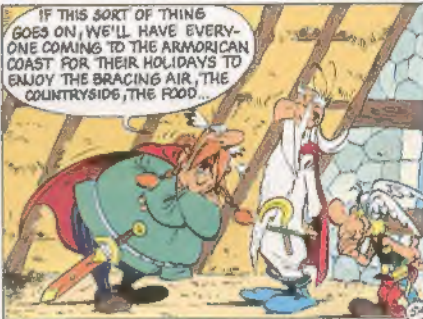
THERE'S NO NEED TO GET UPSET; I THINK IT'S RATHER PLEASING TO KNOW THE ROMANS COME HERE FOR A REST CURE.



RATHER PLEASING?

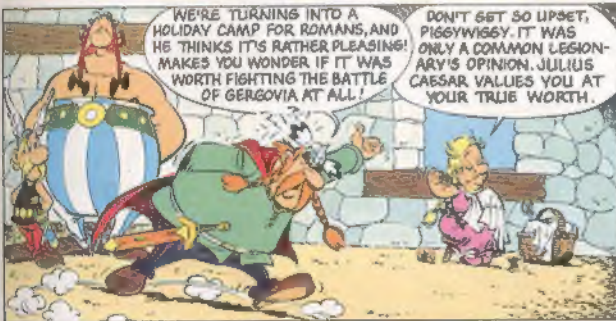


IF THIS SORT OF THING GOES ON, WE'LL HAVE EVERYONE COMING TO THE ARMORICAN COAST FOR THEIR HOLIDAYS TO ENJOY THE BRACING AIR, THE COUNTRYSIDE, THE FOOD...



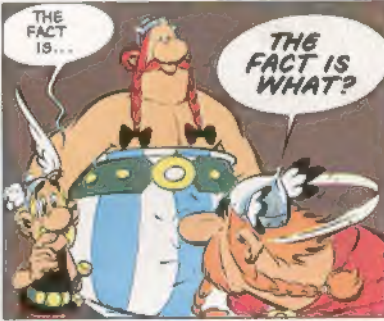
WE'RE TURNING INTO A HOLIDAY CAMP FOR ROMANS, AND HE THINKS IT'S RATHER PLEASING! MAKES YOU WONDER IF IT WAS WORTH FIGHTING THE BATTLE OF GERGOVIA AT ALL!

DON'T GET SO UPSET, PIGGYWIGGY. IT WAS ONLY A COMMON LEGIONARY'S OPINION. JULIUS CAESAR VALUES YOU AT YOUR TRUE WORTH.



THE FACT IS...

THE FACT IS WHAT?



JULIUS CAESAR SAID THE BELGIANS WERE THE BRAVEST OF ALL THE GAULISH PEOPLES.



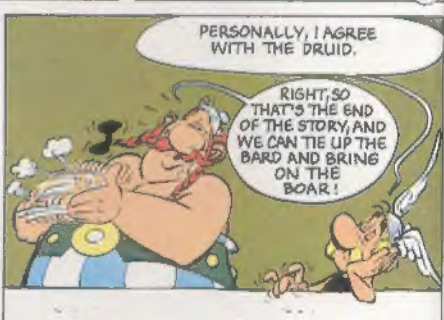
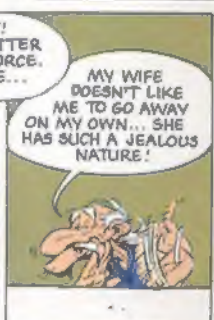
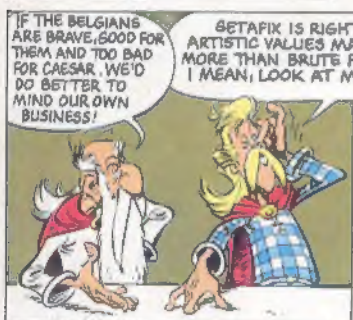
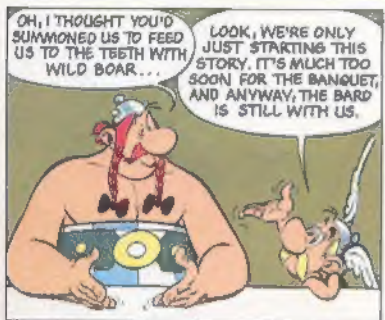
OH, SO THAT'S WHAT CAESAR SAID, IS IT? RIGHT, YOU KNOW WHAT I THINK OF CAESAR?

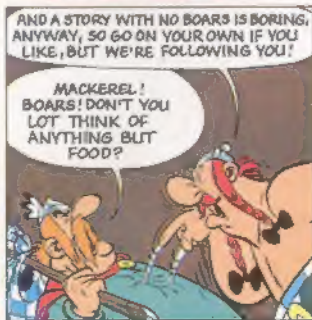


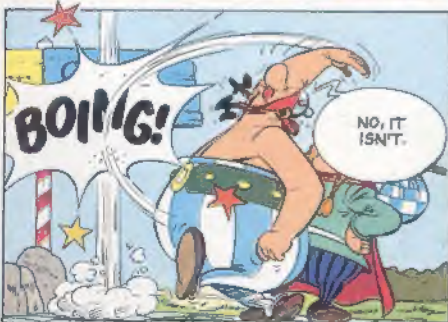
PIGGYWIGGY, IF YOU WANT TO BE COARSE, GO AND BE COARSE ELSEWHERE!

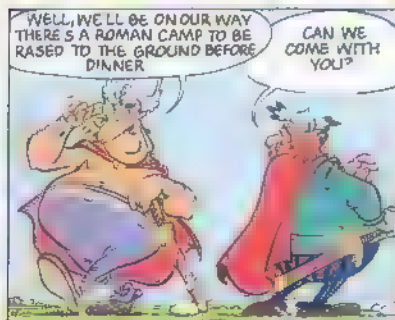
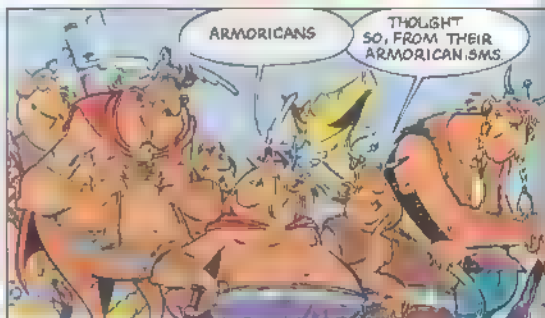
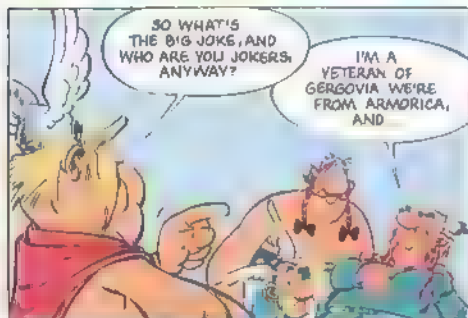
YOU BET I WILL! I'M CALLING A VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING STRAIGHT AWAY!

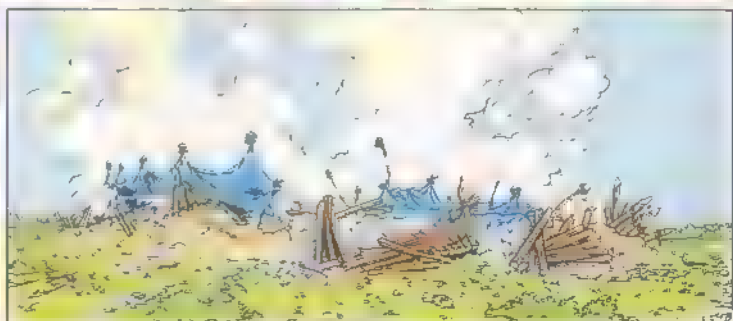
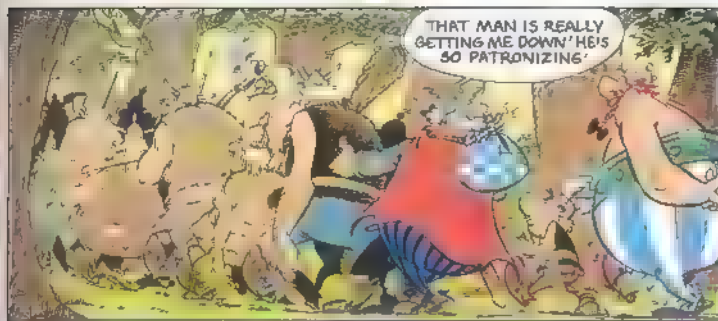














WELL, DID YOU ENJOY IT?



ACTUALLY, THAT WAS JUST TO ANNOY THEM A BIT WE LET THE GARRISON GO FREE, SO THEY CAN TELL THEIR FRIENDS, AND IT WON'T DO THEIR MORALE A BIT OF GOOD!



HM, YES, NOT BAD AT ALL

NOT BAD!



SAY THAT AGAIN! YOU THINK YOU LOT COULD DO ANY BETTER??

NO NEED TO FLY OFF THE HANDLE



I MEAN YOU HANDLED THAT LITTLE ATTACK QUITE WELL! OF COURSE WE COULD DO BETTER.



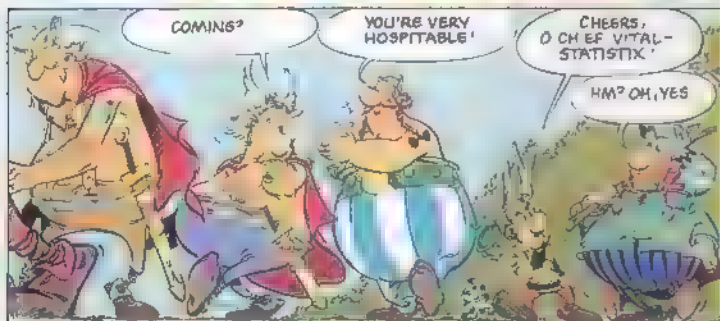
OH YES? RIGHT, IF YOU THINK YOU CAN DO BETTER, I'D JUST LIKE TO SEE YOU TRY!!!



GOT ANOTHER LITTLE ROMAN CAMP AROUND HERE?

YES, PLENTY WE'LL GIVE YOU ONE, WON'T WE, MATES?

TEEHEEHHE



COMING?

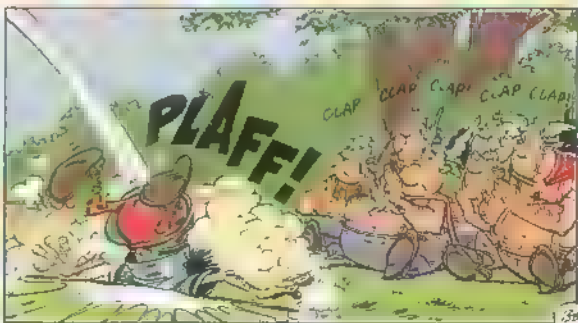
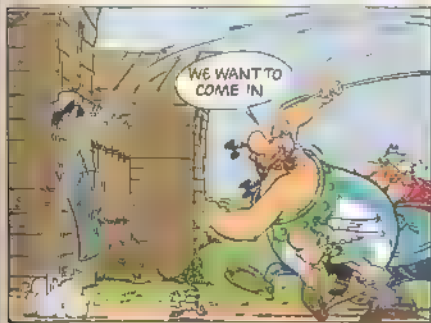
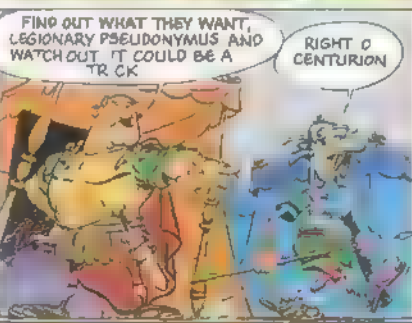
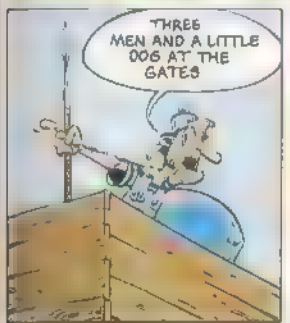
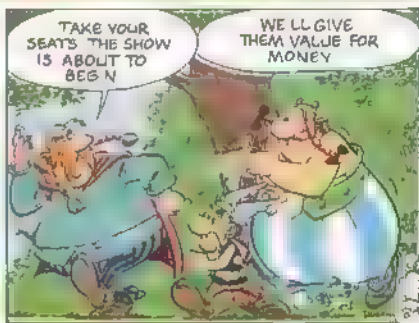
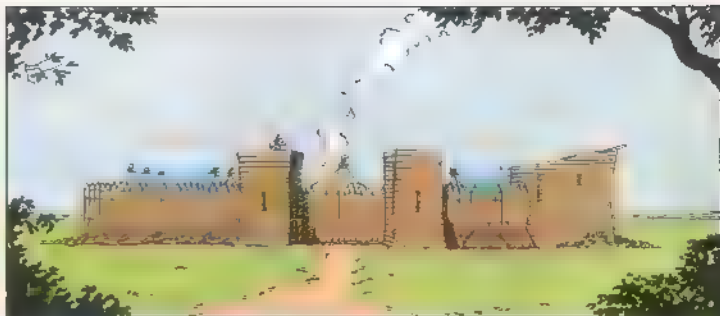
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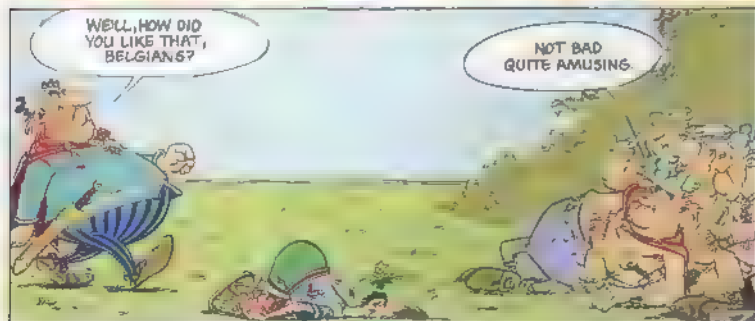
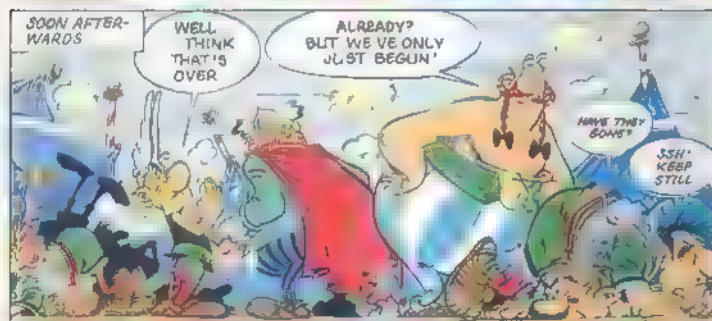
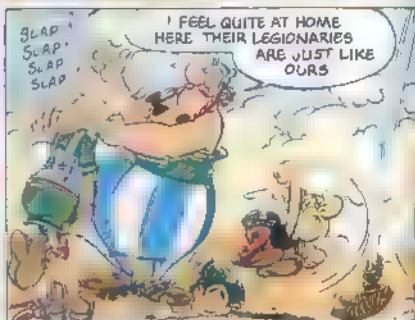
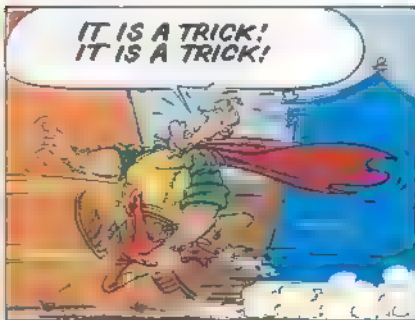
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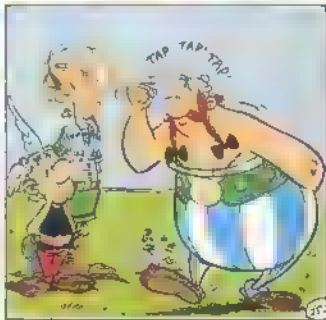
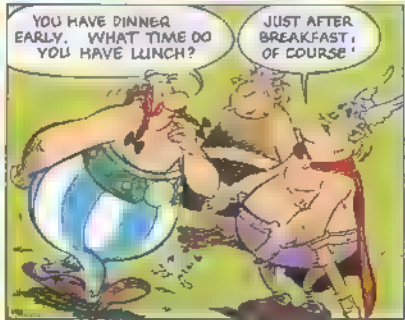
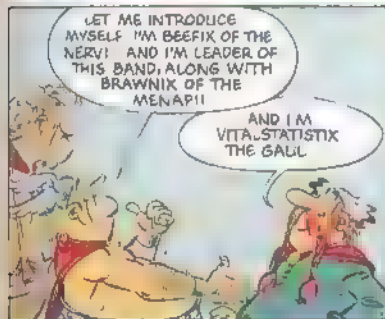
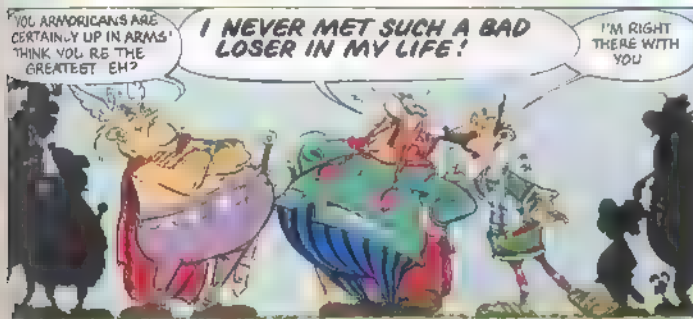
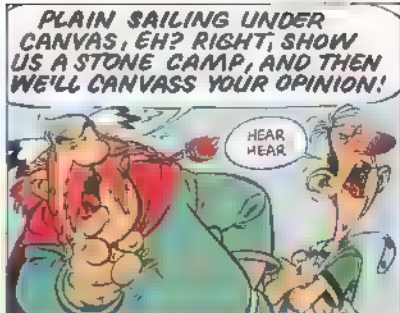
HM? OH, YES

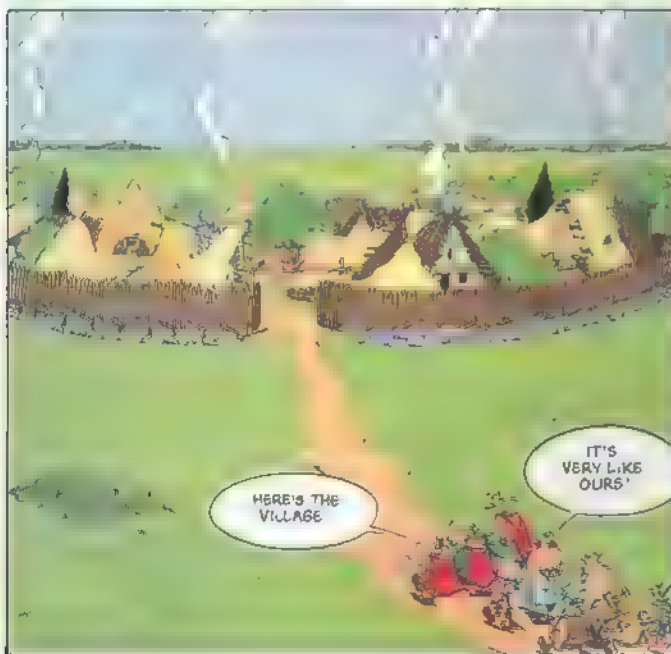
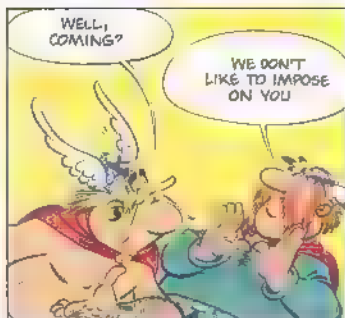


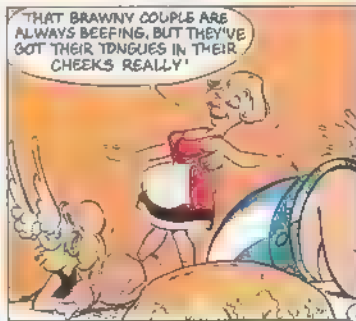
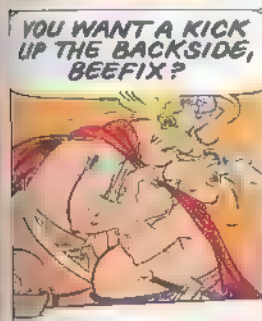
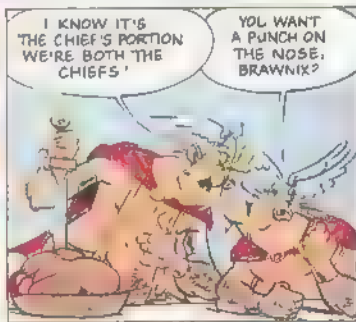
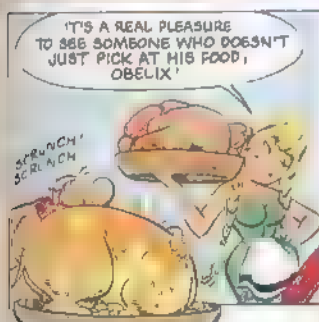
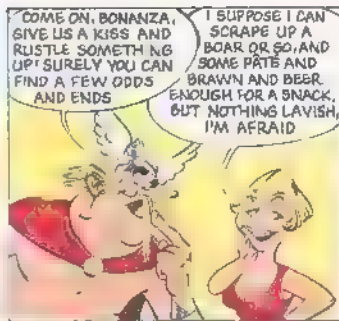
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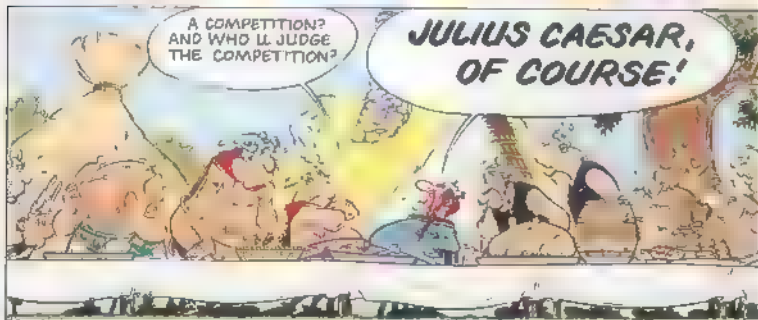
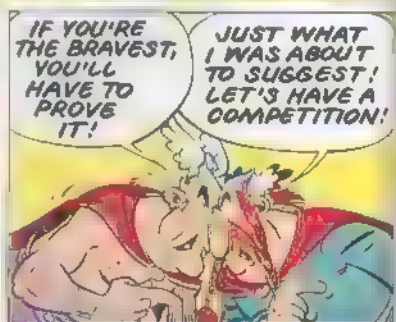
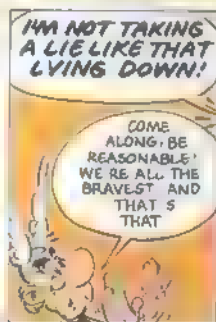
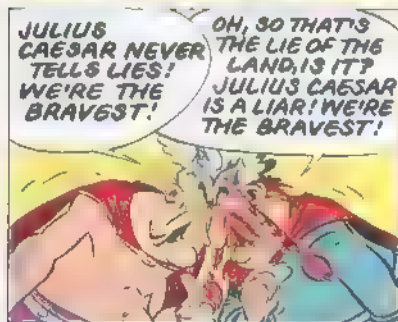
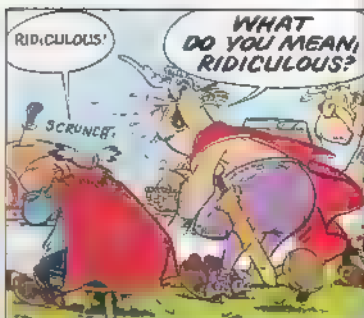
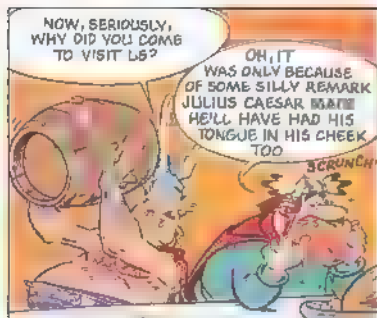












THAT NIGHT

DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF THIS COMPETITION TOO MUCH IT COULD BE A STICKY BUSINESS AFTER ALL

I LIKE THIS COUNTRY AND I LIKE THE PEOPLE TOO THEY STICK AT NOTHING LET'S GO TO SLEEP DON'T WANT TO BE LATE FOR BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

GOOD NIGHT ASTERIX!

GOOD NIGHT, IDIOTIX!

NEXT MORNING

COME AND GET IT!

HERE'S THE MAP SHOWING THE ROMAN CAMPS ROUND ABOUT NOW SUGGEST YOU ATTACK THE CAMPS TO THE NORTH AND WE ATTACK THE CAMPS TO THE SOUTH

SCRUNCH! SCRUNCH! SCRUNCH!

AND WE'LL SEE WHO KNOCKS DOWN THE MOST!

IF CAESAR'S GOING TO REFEREE THE MATCH, WE MUST MAKE SURE WE IDENTIFY OURSELVES TO THE ROMANS.

AND TO BE PERFECTLY HONEST, I OUGHT TO TELL YOU WE USE A MAGIC POTION IF YOU'D CARE FOR A DROP

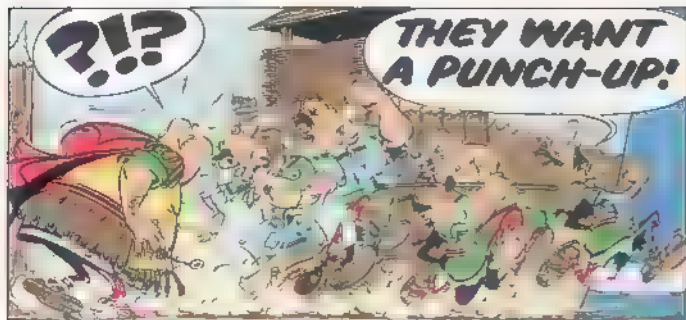
NO, WE DON'T NEED ANY OF THAT! OUR BEER IS STRONG ENOUGH FOR US!

I'LL MAKE SOME SANDWICHES YOU CAN'T GO OFF FIGHTING WITHOUT A PACKED LUNCH, DINNER AND SUPPER

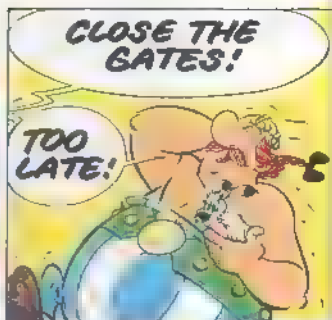
LATER, IN A ROMAN CAMP TO THE NORTH OF THE BELGIAN VILLAGE

THERE ARE THREE MEN AND A DOG APPROACHING THE CAMP!

SIX MEN GO OUT ON PATROL AND SEE WHAT THEY WANT!



THEY WANT
A PUNCH-UP!

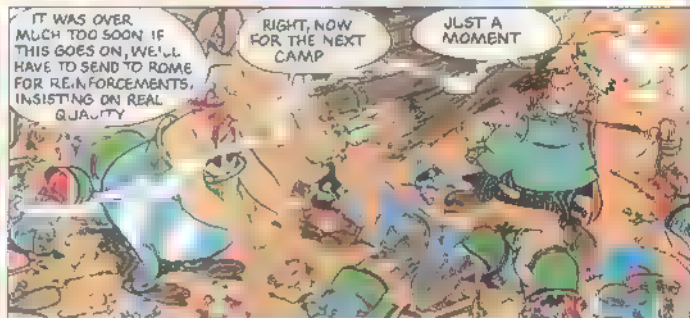


CLOSE THE
GATES!

TOO
LATE!



LET US CAST A MODEST
VEIL OVER THIS DEPLOR-
ABLE AND MOST UNUSUAL
SCENE OF VIOLENCE



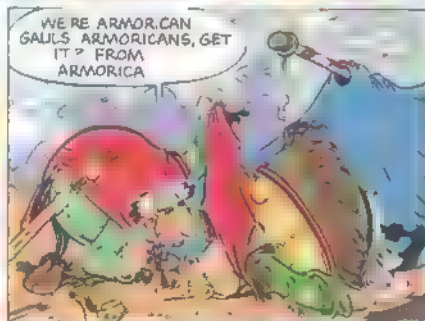
IT WAS OVER
MUCH TOO SOON IF
THIS GOES ON, WE'LL
HAVE TO SEND TO ROME
FOR REINFORCEMENTS,
INSISTING ON REAL
QUALITY

RIGHT, NOW
FOR THE NEXT
CAMP

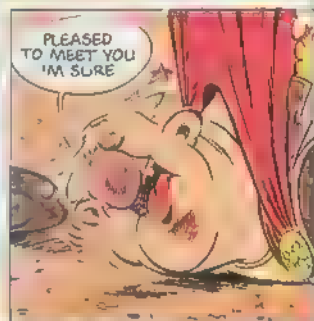
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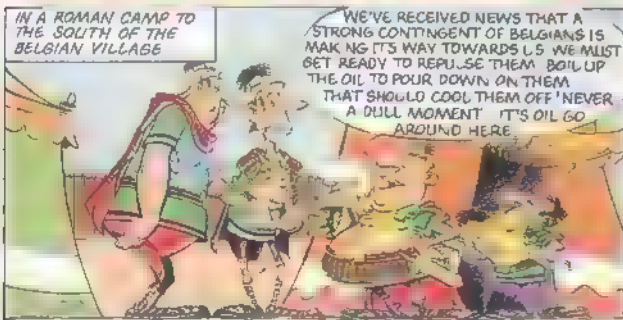
WE MUST TELL THEM
WHO ATTACKED THEM, OR
CAESAR WON'T BE ABLE TO
KEEP THE SCORE



WE'RE ARMOR CAN
GAULS ARMORICANS, GET
IT FROM
ARMORICA



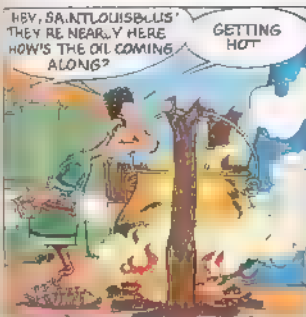
PLEASSED
TO MEET YOU
I'M SURE



IN A ROMAN CAMP TO
THE SOUTH OF THE
BELGIAN VILLAGE

WE'VE RECEIVED NEWS THAT A
STRONG CONTINGENT OF BELGIANS IS
MAKING ITS WAY TOWARDS US. WE MUST
GET READY TO REPUSE THEM. BOIL UP
THE OIL TO POUR DOWN ON THEM
THAT SHOULD COOL THEM OFF. NEVER
A DULL MOMENT. IT'S OIL GO
AROUND HERE.





GETTING HOT

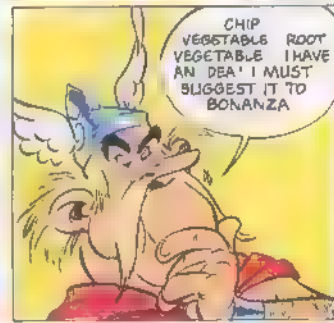


WELL



WHAT SORT OF FRY UP WOULD THAT BE?

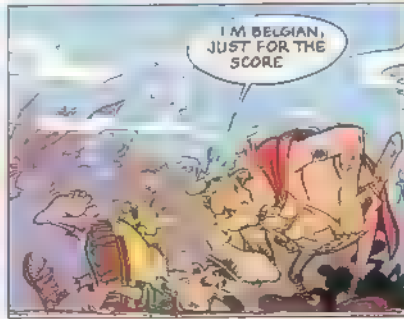
NO IDEA I WAS JUST ASKING THAT ROMAN BUT HE SEEMED TO HAVE A CHIP ON HIS SHOULDER. NOW HE'S A MERE VEG-ETABLE ROOTED TO THE SPOT



CHIP VEGETABLE ROOT VEGETABLE I HAVE AN IDEA I MUST SUGGEST IT TO BONANZA



THESE ROMANS ARE CRAZY OH I'D BETTER HAVE A WORD WITH THE CENTURION



I'M BELGIAN, JUST FOR THE SCORE



WELL, YOU SCORED OFF US GALLANT LITTLE BELGIAN, EH?

NEAR THE BELSIAN SHORE

CAP'N, NON LICET OMNIBUS ADIRE CORINTHUM AND ALL THAT, BUT DO YOU REALLY THINK IT'S WISE TO SAIL SO NEAR THE WIND? WE'RE RATHER CLOSE TO THE SHORE

WELL, WHAT ABOUT IT?

THERE'S A WAR ON HERE!

OH, WE'RE ONLY PEACEFUL PIRATICAL NEUTRALS! A SPOT OF TROUBLE BETWEEN BELSIANS AND ROMANS IS NONE OF OUR BUSINESS

BUT NOT FAR OFF...

THREE MEN COMING TOWARDS THE CAMP? BY JUPITER, LET'S CRUSH THEM WITH THE CATAPULT! THAT'LL SHUT THEM UP!

ZERBOWING!

BONK!

TOO FAR YOU THREW IT RIGHT OVER THE ROMAN CAMP

WELL, NEVER MIND LET'S FINISH THEM OFF BY HAND

ALL RIGHT DOWN THERE CAP'N?

JUST ABOUT SPEAKING FOR MYSELF, BUT WE'RE HOLED IN THE HOLD AND WE'VE GOT THAT SINKING FEELING YET AGAIN

THEY'LL HAVE TO PAY ME DAMAGES FOR MY SHIP AND GEAR 'THEY HAD NO RIGHT TO SINK MY SHIP'

NO, WE WERE IN NEUTRAL GEAR

AND THE STRANGE
COMPETITION GOES
ON TRYING TO CHALK
UP AS MANY
VICTORIES AS POSSIBLE
SO AS TO COME
OUT THE WINNERS.
THE GAULS AND THE
BELGIANS SPREAD
TERROR THROUGH
THE LOCAL ROMAN
FORTIFIED CAMPS

WE JUST
WANTED TO LET
YOU KNOW THAT
WE'RE FROM
ARMORICA

DIDN'T
YOUR MOTHER
EVER TEACH YOU
HOW TO INTRODUCE
YOURSELF
POLITELY?

YOU CAN
TELL CAESAR WE'RE
BELGIAN

I'M SURE
HE'LL JUST LOVE
THAT NEWS

SEE THIS
BOARD? WE'RE
NEUTRALS, AND

**AND THE WHOLE BUNCH
OF YOU ARE AS NUTTY
AS THEY COME!!!**

YOU'RE
ARMORICANS?
HOW MADLY
INTERESTING!

OH YOU'RE BELGIAN, ARE
YOU? PLEASED TO MEET
YOU I'M SURE MY REGARDS
TO YOUR GOOD LADY

AND
HERS TO YOU,
TOO

**I HAVEN'T THE FAINTEST IDEA
WHO'S GOING TO PAY FOR YOUR SHIP!
KINDLY LEAVE ME ALONE! I'VE HAD
A HARD DAY'S FIGHT AS IT IS!!!**

WELL, WE'VE
DESTROYED ALL THE
CAMPS ON OUR SIDE
OF THE VILLAGE, SO
WE CAN GO
BACK

OH YES I'M SURE
WE'LL BE IN TIME FOR WELL
FOR WHATEVER MEAL THEY
HAVE AT THE 5 TIME
OF DAY

I DOUBT WHETHER THE BELGIANS
HAVE DONE AS WELL AS US, BOYS
THEY'LL HAVE TO ADMIT WE'RE
THE BRAVEST, EVEN WITHOUT
CAESAR'S RULE



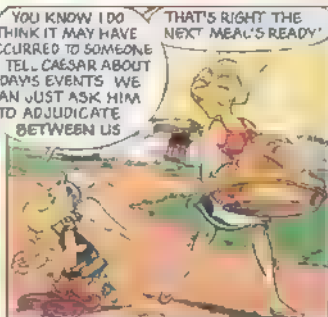
AH, WE'RE JUST THIS MINUTE BACK 'WE'VE DESTROYED ALL THE CAMPS ON OUR SIDE OF THE VILLAGE'

YOU TOO?



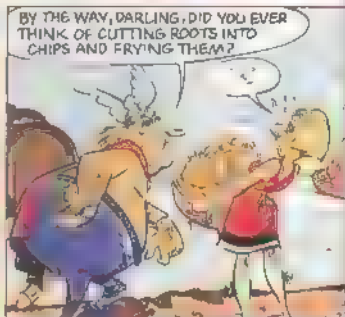
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WE'LL HAVE TO HAVE A REPLAY

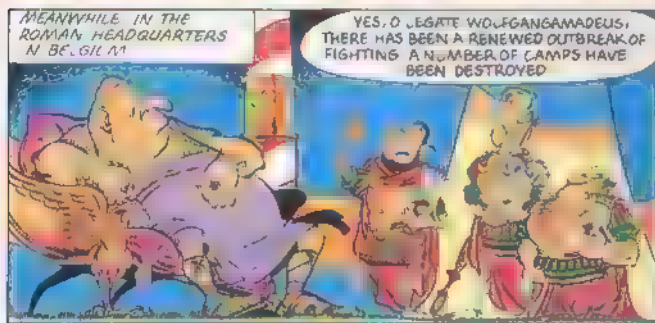


YOU KNOW I DO THINK IT MAY HAVE OCCURRED TO SOMEONE TO TELL CAESAR ABOUT TODAY'S EVENTS WE CAN JUST ASK HIM TO ADJUDICATE BETWEEN US

THAT'S RIGHT THE NEXT MEAL'S READY'



BY THE WAY, DARLING, DID YOU EVER THINK OF CUTTING ROOTS INTO CHIPS AND FRYING THEM?



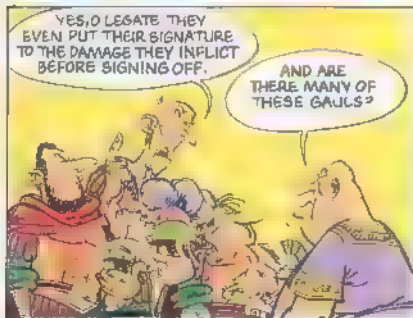
MEANWHILE IN THE ROMAN HEADQUARTERS N. B. GIL M

YES, O LEGATE WOLFGANGAMADEUS, THERE HAS BEEN A RENEWED OUTBREAK OF FIGHTING A NUMBER OF CAMPS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED



AND SEVERAL OF THOSE CAMPS HALF OF THEM, TO BE EXACT WERE ATTACKED BY ARMORICAN GAULS

GAU ARE YOU SURE OF YOUR FACTS, TRIBUNE?

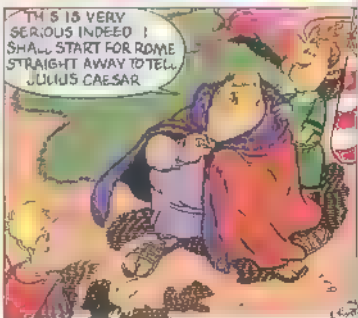


YES, O LEGATE THEY EVEN PUT THEIR SIGNATURE TO THE DAMAGE THEY INFLICT BEFORE SIGNING OFF.

AND ARE THERE MANY OF THESE GAULS?



ALL THE CENTURIONS IN COMMAND OF THE CAMPS INVOLVED AGREE THAT THERE WERE VAST HORDES OF GAULS, ACCOMPANIED BY PACKS OF SAVAGE HOUNDS AND THEY WERE AIDED BY A MYSTERIOUS FLEET OF NEUTRALS'



TH'S IS VERY SERIOUS INDEED ! SHALL START FOR ROME STRAIGHT AWAY TO TELL JULIUS CAESAR

IN ROME THE
SENATE IS SITTING

SENATOR
MONOTONUS MAY
SPEAK

FRIENDS, ROMANS,
COUNTRYMEN, OWING TO
THE PERSISTENT DROUGHT THE
BRASSICA OLERACEA CAPITATA*
GROWERS OF THE PISAE
ARE IN TROUBLE.

*CABBAGE

OH NO, YOU DON'T.
THE RULES FORBID ANYONE
TO INTERRUPT THE SPEAKER
AS I WAS SAYING THE
NATURAL LEANINGS OF THE
BRASSICA GROWERS.

YES SHOW
H M N DO' JULIUS
CAESAR IS BLEEDING ROME
WHITE WITH HIS CAMPAIGNS
I'D BE INTERESTED TO
KNOW WHERE ALL THAT
MONEY GOES!

ARE
TOWARDS THE
CULTIVATION OF
BRASSICA
OLERACEA

I AM NOT AFRAID
TO HEAR LEGATE
WULFGANGMADEUS
SPEAK IN PUBLIC
LET HIM IN!

BUT THE
BRASSICA OLERACEA
CAPITATA

OH, STUFF
YOUR BRASSICA
OLERACEA
CAPITATA!

DELETE THAT LAST
CULINARY EXPLETIVE OF
CAESAR'S IT WOULDN'T
GO DOWN TOO WELL
AS A CLASSICAL
QUOTATION

AND WHILE
THE NATURAL
LEANINGS OF THE
PISAE

LEGATE WOLF-
GANGMADEUS HAS
JUST ARRIVED IN ROME
HE WANTS TO ADDRESS
THE SENATE ABOUT THE
SERIOUS SITUATION
IN BELGIUM

SHOW H M N!



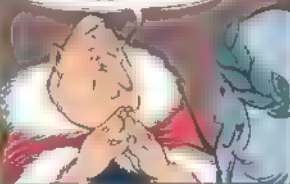
THE BELGIAN SITUATION IS VERY SERIOUS. THERE HAS BEEN A RENEWED OUTBREAK OF FIGHTING. ALL THE CAMPS AND ADVANCED POSTS OF A WHOLE DISTRICT HAVE BEEN DESTROYED.



THE BELGIANS ARE NOT BARBARIANS. THEY ARE THE BRAVEST OF ALL THE GAULISH PEOPLES, BUT WE SHALL CONQUER THEM IN THE END, THE WAY WE CONQUERED THE REST OF GAUL, WHICH IS NOW LIVING PEACEFULLY UNDER ROMAN RULE!



THAT'S JUST THE TROUBLE, O CAESAR. THE BELGIANS HAVE ALLIES. SAVAGE MORDRES ARE POURING OUT OF ARMORICA TO LEND THEM A HAND, AND THERE'S EVEN A MYSTERIOUS FLEET HELPING THEM TOO.



IT'S A GENERAL UPRISING. CAESAR'S COMMANDERS ARE HOPELESS!



WE'VE BEEN HERE AT A LOOSE END FOR DAYS! THERE'S NO NEWS OF CAESAR, BEEFIX AND BRAWNIX AND THEIR FRIENDS KEEP NEEDLING US, AND THEY SAY NO ONE EVEN NOTICED OUR BRILLIANT ACHIEVEMENTS!

SUPPOSE WE GO HOME? IT'S NEARLY THE MUSH-ROOM AND TRUFFLE SEASON

TRUFFLES ARE TRIFLES COMPARED TO OUR MILITARY REPUTATION!!!

HELLO STILL CROSS, AMERICAN, OLD FRIEND?

I'M IN NO JOKING MOOD!

WELL, IT'S NOT OUR FAULT IF CAESAR HAS MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO THAN BOTHER ABOUT YOU LOT, IS IT?

IT SHOWS HE KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT MILITARY STANDARDS!

A MAN WHO SAYS WE'RE THE BRAVEST IS A REAL EXPERT WHEN IT COMES TO JUDGING MILITARY STANDARDS, YOU HEAR ME?

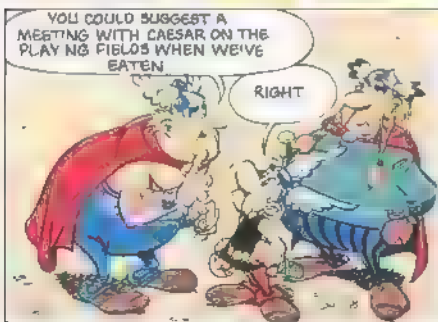
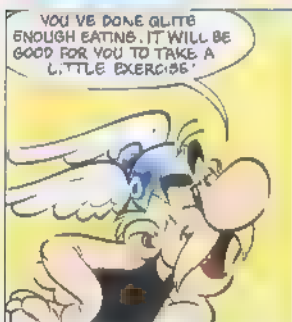
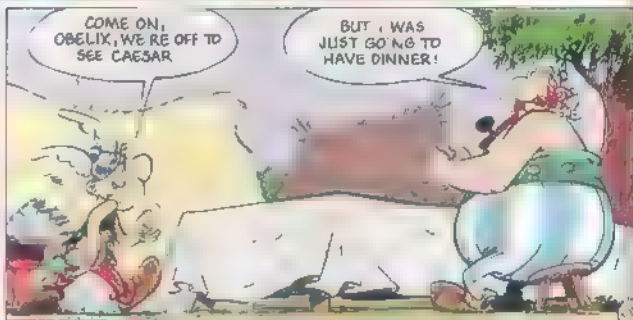
RIGHT, WHY DON'T WE FIGHT EACH OTHER INSTEAD OF THUMPING IGNORANT ROMANS WHO DON'T EVEN KNOW A BRAVE MAN WHEN THEY SEE ONE? THEN WE'LL FIND OUT WHO'S THE BRAVEST!

NOT A BAD IDEA, AS YOUR IDEAS GO!

CALM DOWN

Julius Caesar has arrived in Belgium

To be precise
Culrus
Jaesar has
arrived in
Gelbrum



IS IT
MUCH
FARTHER?

LOOK,
WE'VE
ONLY JUST
STARTED!

WELL,
DOGMATIX AND I
HAVE FINISHED OUR
PACKED LUNCH

COME TO THINK OF
IT, HOW ARE WE
GOING TO GET INSIDE
CAESAR'S CAMP?

SAME WAY AS USUAL OF
COURSE WE THUMP THE
GUARDS AND FORCE OUR
WAY IN

NO, NO!
WE'RE ENVOYS
WE NEED A
WHITE FLAG OF
TRUCE

WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE
GOING TO FIND A FLAG OF TRUCE?
THIS PLACE IS DESERTED

THERE'S
A LITTLE
BOY OVER
THERE

HE'S RATHER BUSY AT
THE MOMENT

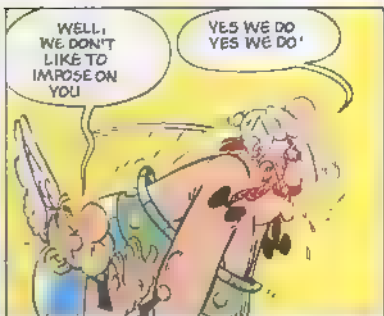
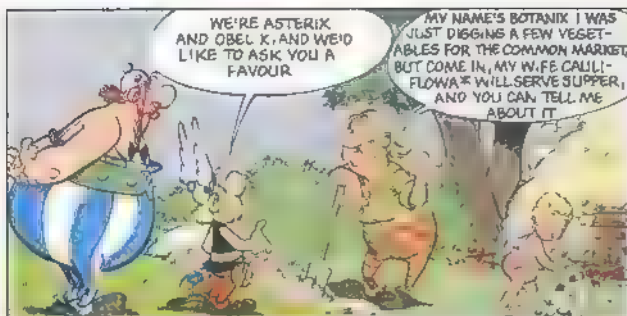
WELL,
HERE HE COMES

LISTEN, LITTLE BOY,
IS THERE A CITY
AROUND HERE?

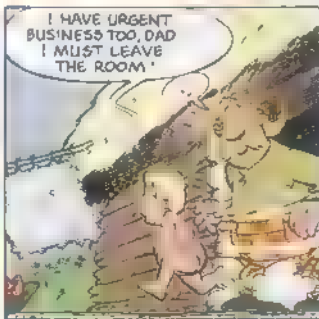
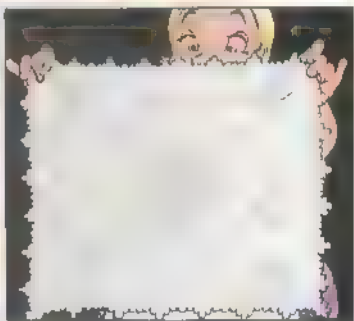
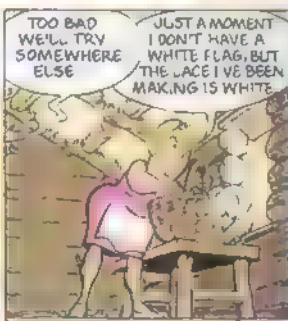
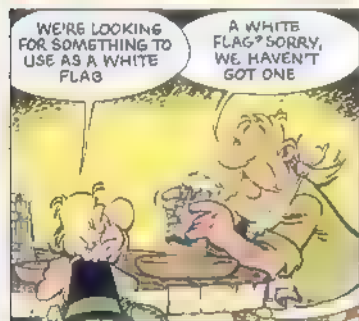
NOT YET,
ONLY A LITTLE
ECONOMIC
COMMUNITY
COME WITH
ME

SOON
AFTERWARDS

WHO ARE THESE?



*BRASSICA OLERACEA BOTRYTIS



LATER

CAESAR'S
CAMP!

AVE, CAESAR! TWO MEN ARE OUTS. DE
THE CAMP WITH SOMETHING BEARING A
VAGUE RESEMBLANCE TO A FLAG
OF TRUCE

GO AND SEE WHAT THEY WANT.
IF THEY'RE REALLY CARRYING A FLAG
OF TRUCE BRING THEM TO ME

WHAT,
ME?

**YES, YOU! SINCE WHEN
HAS A ROMAN LEGION-
ARY KNOWN FEAR?**

PERSONALLY IT'LL
HAVE BEEN SINCE ABOUT
THREE MONTHS AGO,
WHEN I ARRIVED
IN BELGIUM

BUT I HEAR AND OBEY
O CAESAR AVE MORITURUS TE
SAJUTO, AND I WISH I COULD
HAVE HAD TIME TO WRITE TO
MY WIFE

A FEW MOMENTS
LATER

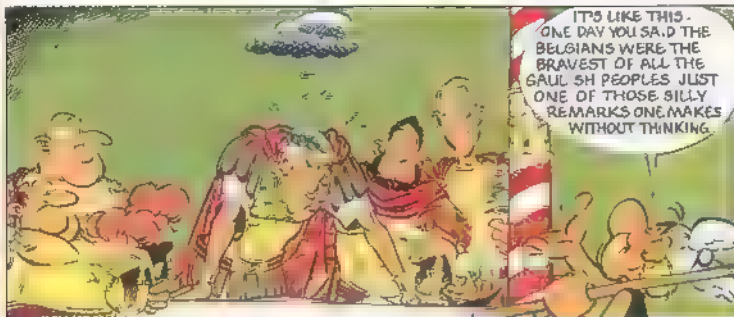
HA HALT!

THAT'S NO REASON TO KNOCK
HIM DOWN AS IF WE WANTED
TO PICK HOLES IN HIM, TOO

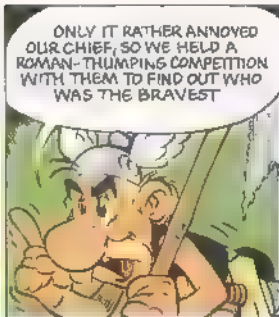
WHY DID YOU DO
THAT? WE'RE
CARRYING A FLAG
OF TRUCE

WELL, IT ISN'T
A REAL FLAG IT'S
RIDDLED WITH
HOLES

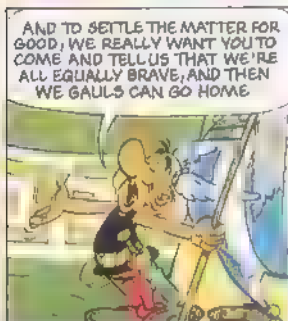
PAF!



IT'S LIKE THIS -
ONE DAY YOU SAID THE
BELGIANS WERE THE
BRAVEST OF ALL THE
GAUL SH PEOPLES JUST
ONE OF THOSE SILLY
REMARKS ONE MAKES
WITHOUT THINKING.



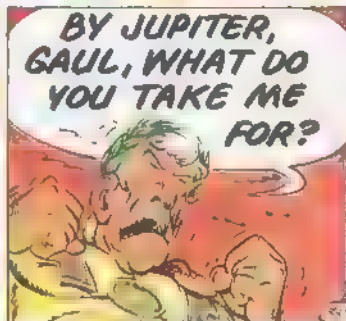
ONLY IT RATHER ANNOYED
OUR CHIEF, SO WE HELD A
ROMAN-THUMPING COMPETITION
WITH THEM TO FIND OUT WHO
WAS THE BRAVEST



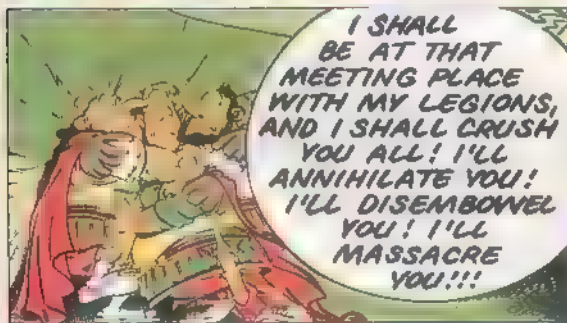
AND TO SETTLE THE MATTER FOR
GOOD, WE REALLY WANT YOU TO
COME AND TELL US THAT WE'RE
ALL EQUALLY BRAVE, AND THEN
WE GAULS CAN GO HOME



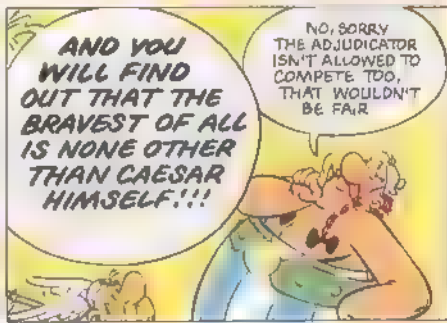
HOW WOULD
THIS SUIT YOU AS
A MEETING
PLACE?



**BY JUPITER,
GAUL, WHAT DO
YOU TAKE ME
FOR?**



**I SHALL
BE AT THAT
MEETING PLACE
WITH MY LEGIONS,
AND I SHALL CRUSH
YOU ALL! I'LL
ANNIHILATE YOU!
I'LL DISEMBOWEL
YOU! I'LL
MASSACRE
YOU!!!**

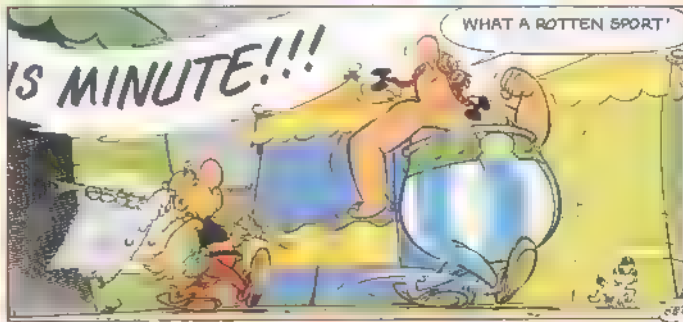


**AND YOU
WILL FIND
OUT THAT THE
BRAVEST OF ALL
IS NONE OTHER
THAN CAESAR
HIMSELF!!!**

NO, SORRY
THE ADJUDICATOR
ISN'T ALLOWED TO
COMPETE TOO,
THAT WOULDN'T
BE FAIR

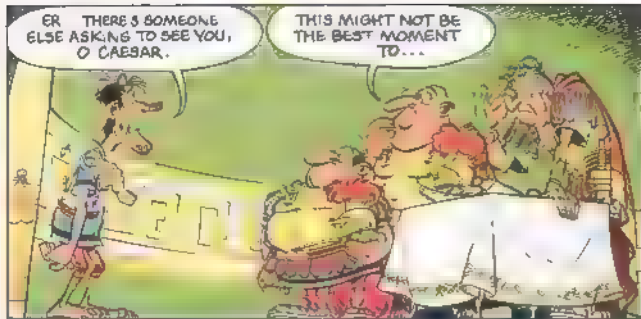


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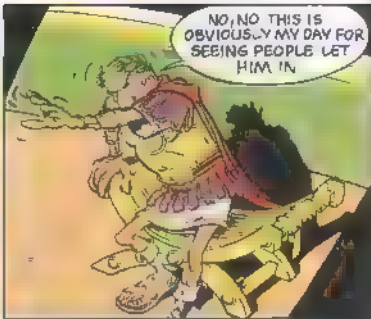
IS MINUTE!!!

WHAT A ROTTEN SPORT!

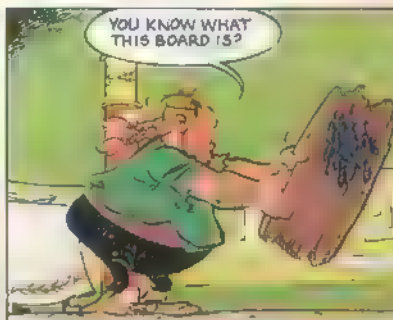
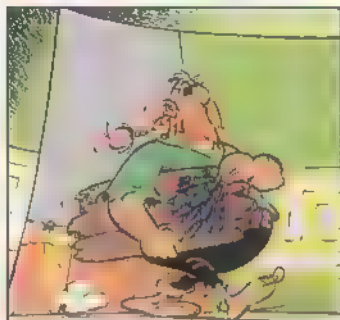


ER THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE ASKING TO SEE YOU, O CAESAR.

THIS MIGHT NOT BE THE BEST MOMENT TO...



NO, NO THIS IS OBVIOUSLY MY DAY FOR SEEING PEOPLE LET HIM IN



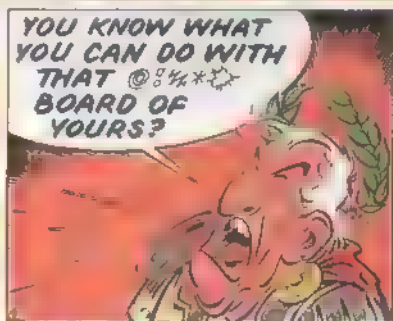
YOU KNOW WHAT THIS BOARD IS?



NO BUT I DARE SAY YOU'LL TELL ME



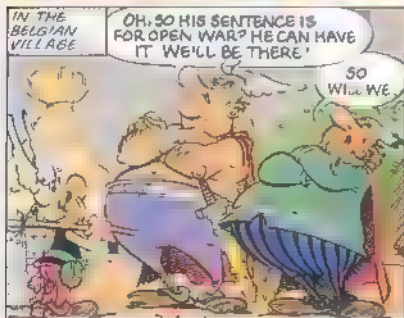
RIGHT IT'S ALL THAT'S LEFT OF MY SHIP - AN HONEST, HARD WORKING, NEUTRAL PIRATE AND!



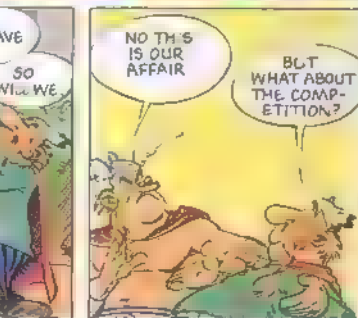
YOU KNOW WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH THAT @%*% BOARD OF YOURS?



BACK IN ROME THEY TOLD ME HIS STANDARD OF CLASSICAL QUOTATION WAS DROPPING

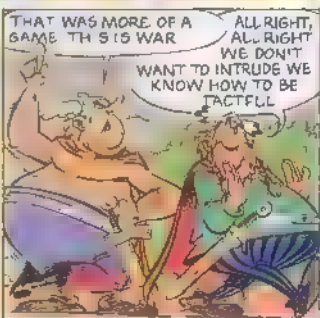


OH, SO HIS SENTENCE IS FOR OPEN WAR? HE CAN HAVE IT WE'LL BE THERE



NO THIS IS OUR AFFAIR

BUT WHAT ABOUT THE COMPETITION?



THAT WAS MORE OF A GAME THIS IS WAR

ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT WE DON'T WANT TO INTRUDE WE KNOW HOW TO BE TACTFUL

PREPARATIONS FOR
THE GREAT BATTLE
BEGIN

LEGATE WOLFGANGMADEUS,
ONCE BATTLE HAS BEEN
JOINED YOU AND YOUR
COHORTS ATTACK THE ENEMY
IN THE REAR!

I HEAR AND OBEY,
O CAESAR. I'LL
BE OFF

UMBELLIFERUS, I AM
PUTTING YOU IN CHARGE
OF MY IMPERIAL GUARD
THEY WILL TAKE PART ONLY
IN THE LAST RESORT. WE
SHALL OPEN FIRE WITH
OUR CATAPULTS!

MAY THE GODS
LOOK DOWN UPON
US WITH FAVOUR!

ALEA
JACTA
EST!

AND AS FOR
YOU, I'LL SEE YOU
IN MY OFFICE AFTER
THE BATTLE!

THE BELGIANS ARE GETTING
READY FOR BATTLE TOO. FAST
RUNNERS ARE SENT TO ROUSE
THE NEIGHBOURING TRIBES

BONANZA DID
YOU TRY THAT
IDEA OF MINE
ABOUT FRIED
CHIPPED ROOTS?

NO, THE MENAPII
INSISTED ON COOKING THE
LAST MEAL BEFORE THE
BATTLE. THEY WANTED
A NICE WATERZOO! TO
SOUP THEM UP

WATERZOO! 'WATERY STUFF'
FOR MEN WHO WANT CAESAR TO
MEET HIS WATERLOO!

WITH JULIUS CAESAR AT THEIR HEAD,
MARSHALLED IN PERFECT ORDER,
THE LEGIONS, MAINTAINING
STRICT MILITARY STANDARDS,
MARCH OFF TO THE BATTLEFIELD

THE BELGIANS, WITH BEEFIX AND BRAWNIX AT THEIR HEAD, ARE MAKING FOR THE FATEFUL BATTLEGROUND TOO

WHAT SORT OF PROVISIONS ARE THERE IN THE BAGGAGE TRAIN?

BEER AND SANDWICHES

WHAT'S THE FILLING IN THE SANDWICHES?

WHOLE COLD ROAST OXEN

BUT HARK!

OUR TROOPS ARE IN POSITION

OUR CATAPULTS ARE LINED UP

THAT HEAVY SOUND BREAKS IN ONCE MORE

FIRE!

BING!

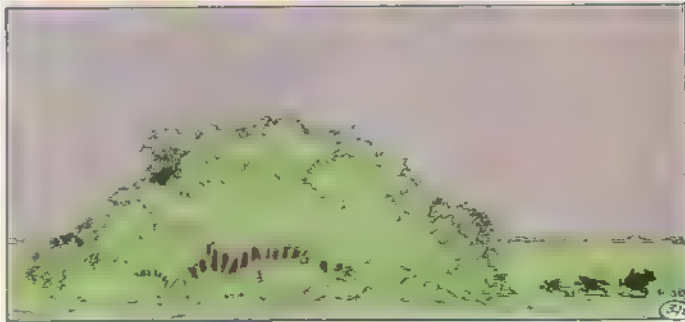
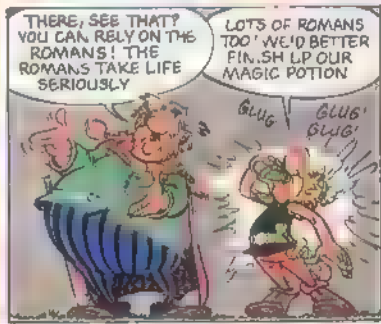
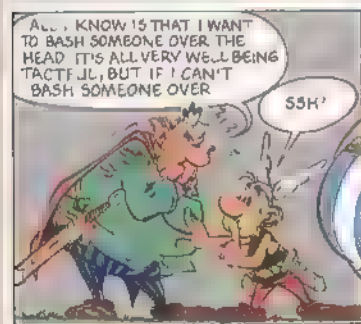
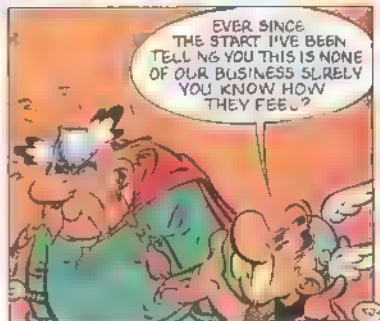
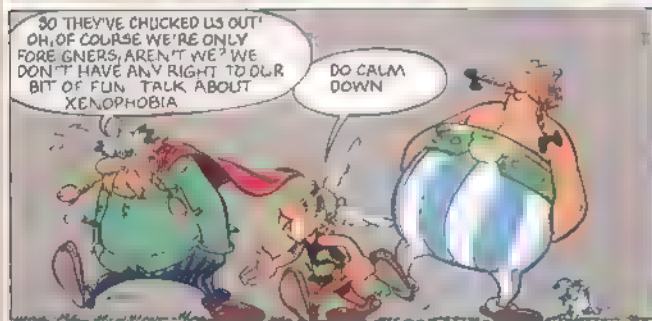
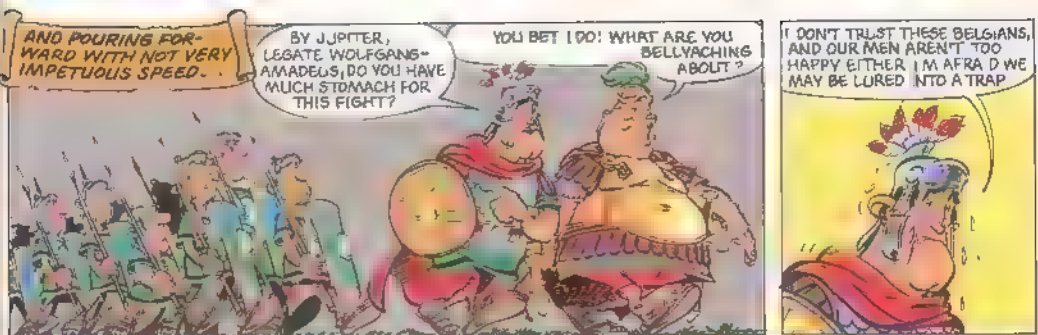
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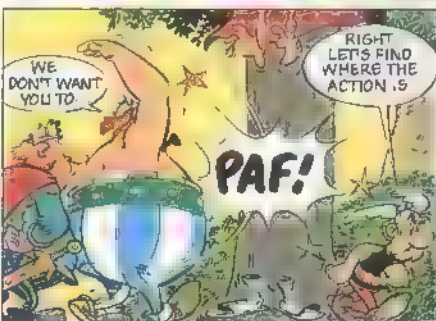
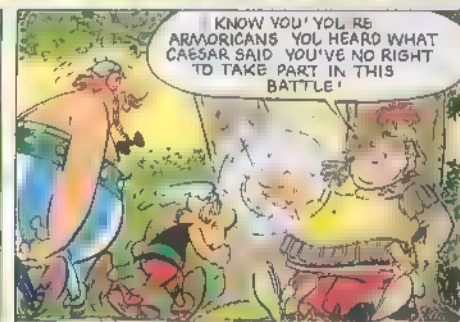
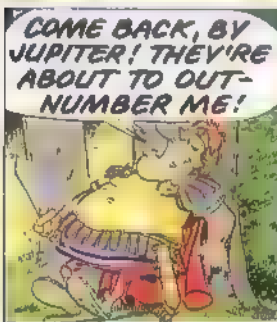
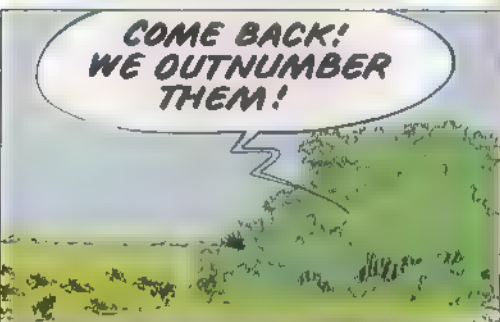
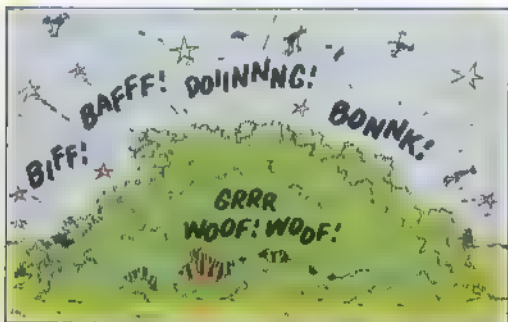
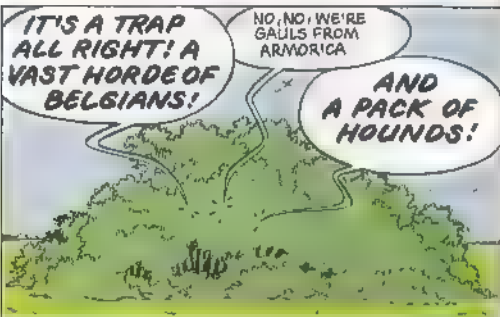
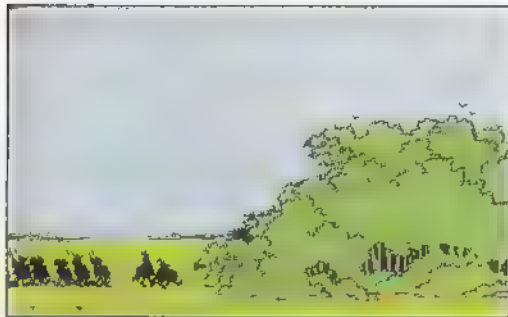
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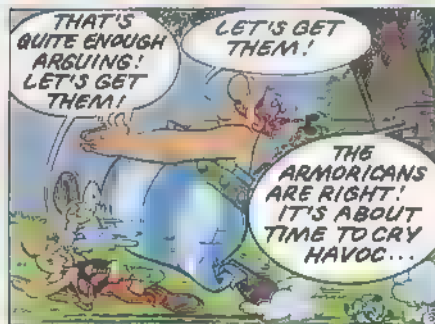
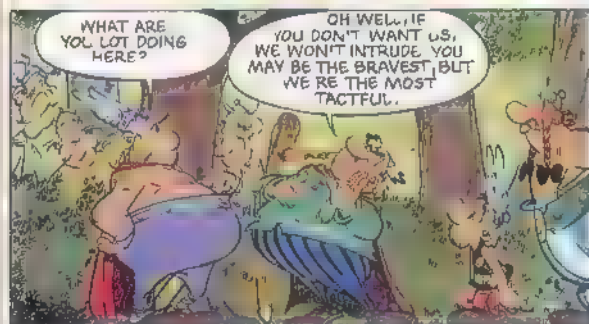
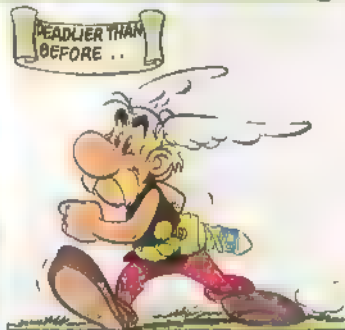
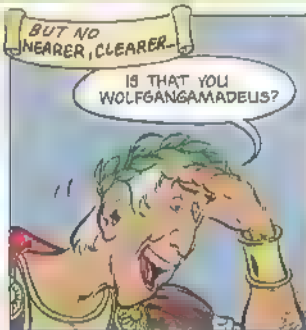
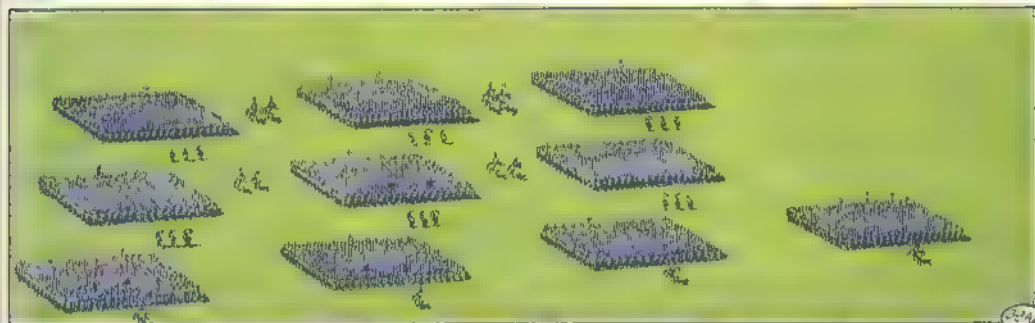
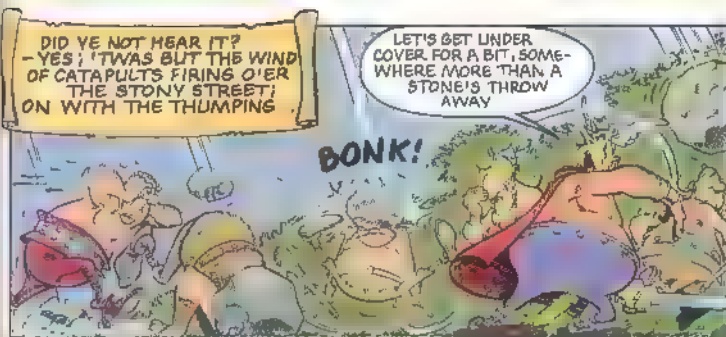
BONG!

ARM! ARM! IT IS—IT IS—THE CATAPULT'S OPENING ROAR!

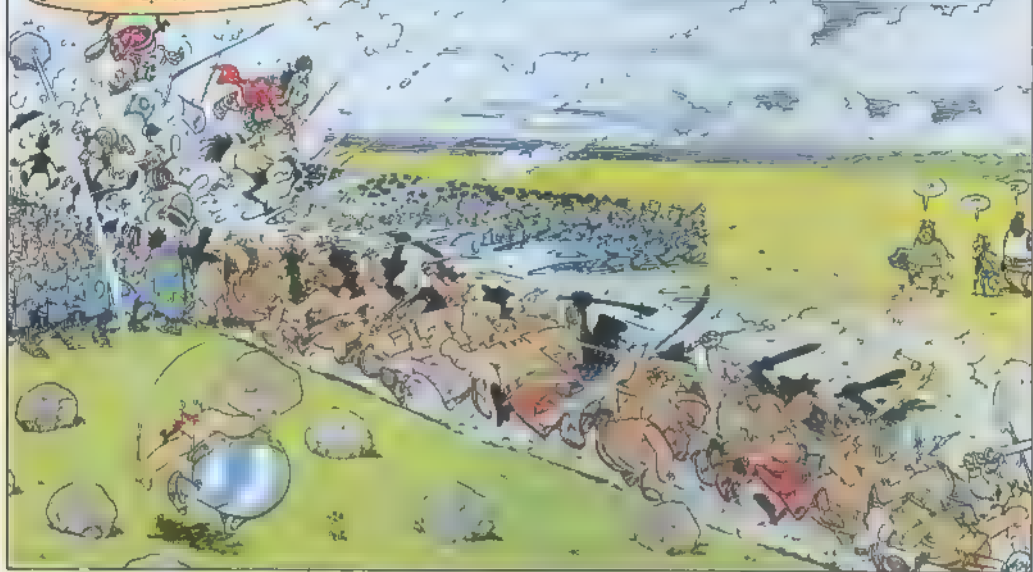
WHAT SORT OF BING-BONG BALLS WERE THOSE?



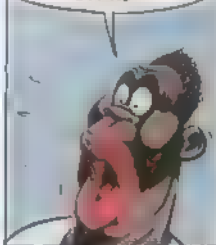




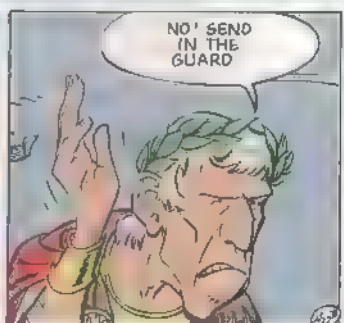
.. AND LET SLIP THE
DOG OF WAR



MAYBE WE'D
BETTER LET OUR SHIP'S
BOARD GO BY THE
BOARD!



CAESAR, THIS
IS A DISASTER!
WE MUST FLEE!



NO! SEND
IN THE
GUARD

BUT YESTERDAY THE WORD OF CAESAR MIGHT HAVE STOOD AGAINST THE WORLD... HOWEVER, THAT DAY HE DID NOT OVERCOME THE NERVII, OR THE MENAPII, OR ANYBODY ELSE. CAESAR IS NO LONGER IN A POSITION TO JUDGE ANYTHING...



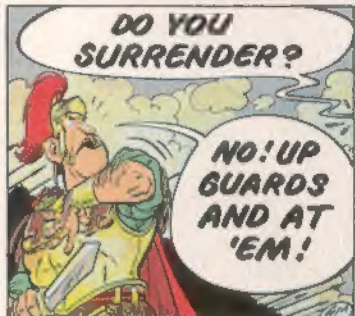
IN FACT, CHAOS LIMPIRE SITS, AS THE OCCUPYING FORCES SOON REALISE:

**FAREWELL, CAESAR!
OUR OCCUPATION'S
GONE!!!**



**DO YOU
SURRENDER?**

**NO! UP
GUARDS
AND AT
'EM!**



OH
NO, WE
DON'T!

THESE
ROMANS ARE
CRAZY!

BUT
UP GUARDS
AND...



**YOU KNOW
WHAT THE GUARD
WILL BE
PUBLISHING TO THE WORLD
ABOUT YOU?**

PUBLISH
AND BE
DAMNED.



RIGHT. I'M BACK OFF TO ROME.
I'M RELYING ON YOU TO KEEP THIS
LITTLE AFFAIR AS QUIET AS
POSSIBLE...

A HORSE
FOR CAESAR.



AND IT IS A CASE OF RUIN UPON RUIN, ROUT ON
ROUT, CONFUSION WORSE CONFOUNDED...

**RUN FOR YOUR LIVES! RUN!
RUN FOR IT!**



**WE'RE THE GREATEST
RUN-MAKERS! WE WON
THE MATCH! THEY'LL
NEED MORE THAN
RUNNING REPAIRS
AFTER THIS!**





THE WAY IS
BARRED.



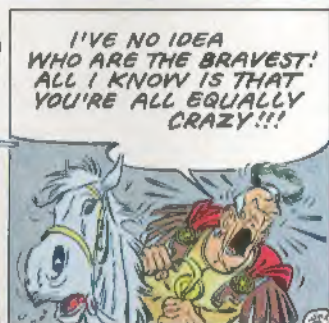
IF YOU INTEND TO
KILL ME, BARBARIANS,
I WARN YOU THAT I
SHALL SELL MY DISTINGUISHED
LIFE DEARLY!

NO,
THAT'S NOT
THE IDEA
AT ALL...



IT'S
ABOUT OUR
COMPETITION...

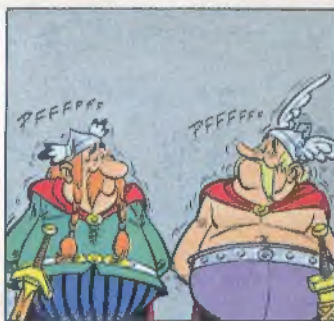
YOU'VE SEEN
US IN ACTION, SO NOW
WILL YOU ADJUDICATE?
WHO ARE THE
BRAVEST?



I'VE NO IDEA
WHO ARE THE BRAVEST!
ALL I KNOW IS THAT
YOU'RE ALL EQUALLY
CRAZY!!!



AND NOW I'M GOING
BACK TO ROME, AND I DON'T
WANT TO BE BOTHERED ANY
MORE! OFF WE GO!



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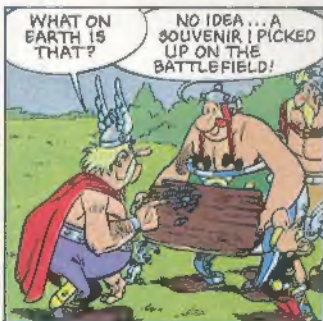
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HAHAHA!
HOHOHO!

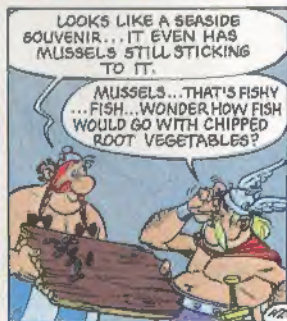


COME ON BACK TO
THE VILLAGE, AND WE'LL
HAVE A LITTLE PARTY
TO CELEBRATE!



WHAT ON
EARTH IS
THAT?

NO IDEA... A
SOUVENIR I PICKED
UP ON THE
BATTLEFIELD!



LOOKS LIKE A SEASIDE
SOUVENIR... IT EVEN HAS
MUSSELS STILL STICKING
TO IT.

MUSSELS... THAT'S FISHY
... FISH... WONDER HOW FISH
WOULD GO WITH CHIPPED
ROOT VEGETABLES?

AND THERE IS A SOUND
OF REVELRY BY NIGHT.



